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AMENDMENT AND

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 14, 2006

Dear Sir,

Please enter the amendments to the designated claims as indicated below.

Claims 1 and 21 are amended.

Claims 5, 6, 16-19, 22 and 33-36 are canceled.

No claims are added.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 21 and 23-26 remain pending.

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